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 ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS
- Chapter 13 LICENSURE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
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Summary: This chapter sets forth the educational qualifications, experience and examination requirement necessary for licensure as a landscape architect.

1. Overview

Qualifying education is described in Section 2 of this chapter. Qualifying experience is described in Section 3 of this chapter. An applicant qualifies for licensure by satisfying the education and experience requirements set forth in Section 4 of this chapter and by passing the examination described in Section 5 of this chapter. In addition, landscape architects licensed in other jurisdictions may qualify for licensure without examination as described in Section 6 of this chapter.

2. Qualifying Education

1. First Professional Degree in Landscape Architecture From an Accredited Program

The applicant received a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture, Master of Landscape Architecture or equivalent or higher degree from a program that was accredited by LAAB or the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects Accreditation Council. Any degree awarded less than two years prior to the accreditation of the program will be accepted as an accredited degree. Any degree awarded after a program has ceased to be accredited will not be accepted as an accredited degree.

2. Non-Accredited Landscape Architecture Degree Programs; Graduate Degrees in Other Design Disciplines

A. The applicant received a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture, Master of Landscape Architecture or equivalent or higher degree from a program that was not accredited as described in Section 2(1) of this chapter.

B. The applicant received:

- (1) A Bachelor of Architecture, Master of Architecture or equivalent or higher degree from an academic institution and the degree

program was accredited by NAAB not later than 2 years after the degree was received;

- (2) A Bachelor of Architecture, Master of Architecture or equivalent or higher degree from an academic institution in Canada and the degree program was accredited by CACB not later than 2 years after the degree was received; or
- (3) A Bachelor of Architecture, Master of Architecture or equivalent degree from a Canadian university that was certified by CACB.

C. The applicant received a degree in civil engineering from an academic institution accredited by ABET.

3. Other Bachelor Degree

The applicant received a bachelor degree or higher from a regionally-accredited institution in a field other than landscape architecture, architecture or civil engineering.

3. Qualifying Experience

Qualifying experience consists of:

- 1. Diversified experience in landscape architecture lawfully practicing as a principal;
- 2. Diversified experience in landscape architecture under the direct supervision of a landscape architect lawfully authorized to practice;
- 3. Diversified experience directly related to landscape architecture under the direct supervision of a civil engineer, licensed architect or credentialed planner;
- 4. 50% of the applicant's experience teaching in a LAAB-accredited program;
- 5. 50% of the applicant's experience in landscape architecture directly related to on-site construction, maintenance or installation procedures; or
- 6. 50% of the applicant's non-diversified experience in landscape architecture under the direct supervision of a landscape architect lawfully authorized to practice, civil engineer, licensed architect or urban or regional planner.

Qualifying experience is further subject to the evaluation criteria contained in "Standard of Eligibility for Council Certification," Section 3.3.3 – 3.3.7 (CLARB 1990).

4. Education and Experience: Pathways to Licensure

An applicant shall demonstrate an acceptable combination of education and experience as described in the 4 pathways to licensure contained in this section.

1. Landscape Architecture Degree From Accredited Program and Experience

The applicant received a first professional degree in landscape architecture from an accredited program and completed

- A. Two years of qualifying experience other than practice as a principal, of which at least 1 year consisted of diversified experience in landscape architecture under the direct supervision of a landscape architect lawfully authorized to practice; or
- B. Five years of diversified experience in landscape architecture lawfully practicing as a principal.

2. Landscape Architecture Degree From Non-Accredited Program/Other Graduate Design Degree and Experience

The applicant received a landscape architecture degree from a non-accredited program, or a graduate degree in another design discipline, and completed

- A. Three years of qualifying experience other than practice as a principal, of which at least 2 years consisted of diversified experience in landscape architecture under the direct supervision of a landscape architect lawfully authorized to practice; or
- B. One year of diversified experience in landscape architecture under the direct supervision of a landscape architect lawfully authorized to practice and 5 years of diversified experience in landscape architecture lawfully practicing as a principal.

3. Other Bachelor Degree and Experience

The applicant received a bachelor degree or higher from a regionally-accredited institution in a field other than landscape architecture, architecture or civil engineering and completed

- A. Five years of qualifying experience other than practice as a principal, of which at least 4 years consisted of diversified experience in landscape architecture under the direct supervision of a landscape architect lawfully authorized to practice; or
- B. Three years of diversified experience in landscape architecture under the direct supervision of a landscape architect lawfully authorized to practice

and 5 years of diversified experience in landscape architecture lawfully practicing as a principal.

4. Experience Alone

The applicant has no post-secondary baccalaureate or higher degree and has completed 12 years of qualifying experience other than practice as a principal, at least half of which consisted of diversified experience in landscape architecture under the direct supervision of a landscape architect lawfully authorized to practice.

5. Examination

The current examination for landscape architects is the Landscape Architecture Registration Examination developed by CLARB. Unless examination is waived by law, the applicant must achieve a passing grade on each division of the LARE within any 5-year examination period. The time, place and manner of examination administration shall be as determined by CLARB. Passing grades shall be as determined by CLARB.

6. Licensure Without Examination (Reciprocity)

1. With CLARB Certificate

A landscape architect license may be issued without examination to an applicant who—

- A. Holds a current and valid CLARB certificate; and
- B. Obtained the CLARB certificate through having passed an examination described in Section 5 of this chapter.

2. Without CLARB Certificate

A landscape architect license may be issued without examination to an applicant who is currently licensed in another state or foreign country provided that the board determines that the requirements for licensure in the other state or foreign country at the time of the applicant's initial licensure are equivalent to the requirements for licensure by examination contained in this chapter.

7. Display of Licensed Status

1. Advertising and Promotional Materials

A landscape architect shall display the legend "Maine Licensed Landscape Architect" in all advertising and promotional materials published by or on behalf of the named landscape architect that relate to landscape architectural services for Maine-located projects. Such materials include but are not limited to telephone directories, newspaper and magazine advertisements, and web sites.

2. Correspondence and Business Cards

A landscape architect shall display the legend “Maine Licensed Landscape Architect” on the landscape architect’s business card and beneath the landscape architect’s name on all professional correspondence, proposals and solicitations signed by or on behalf of the named landscape architect for Maine-located projects.

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